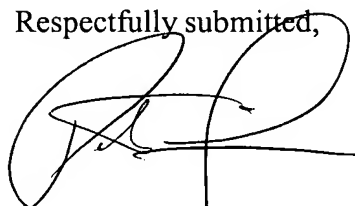


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The applicants request that the filing fee be calculated based on the claims as amended.
Examination of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

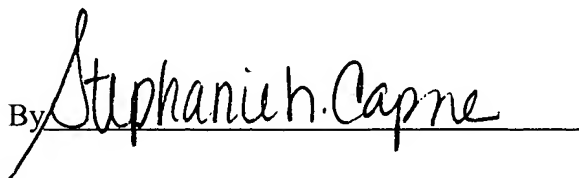
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